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WEST VIRGINIA VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF 2004 CROPS

WEST VIRGINIA -- Corn for grain value of production totaled \$8.0 million in 2004, a 6 percent decrease from 2003. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$2.10, down 62 cents from 2003.

Tobacco value of production totaled \$3.4 million, up 9 percent from 2003. The average price received per pound for tobacco was \$1.99, up 1.2 cent from 2003.

The value of winter wheat production in 2004 was \$819 thousand, a 9 percent decrease from the 2003 crop. Growers received an average of \$3.15 per bushel for the 2004 crop, up 2 cents from 2003.

Soybeans value of production totaled \$4.3 million, an 8 percent decrease from 2003. The average price received per bushel for soybeans was \$5.15. This was down \$2.39 from the 2003 average price.

The value of all hay production totaled \$60.0 million in 2004, 2 percent less than 2003. The average price received per ton was \$56.50, \$1.00 less than the 2003 average price.

The value of alfalfa hay production totaled \$11.3 million in 2004, 3 percent less than 2003. The average price received per ton was \$105.00, \$2.00 more than the 2003 average price.

The value of all other hay production totaled \$48.7 million in 2004, 2 percent less than 2003. The average price received per ton was \$51.00, \$1.00 less than the 2003 average price.

The 2004 total value of production of principal crops (including fruits) was \$87.3 million, down 4 percent from the 2003 value of \$90.7 million, and down 9 percent from the 2002 value of \$95.7 million.

UNITED STATES VALUE AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE WITH 2003 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain value of production - \$23.03 billion, down 6%; \$1.95 per bushel, down 47 cents.
- Tobacco value of production - \$1.75 billion, up 11%; \$1.984 per pound, up 1.7 cents.
- Winter wheat value of production - \$4.92 billion, down 12%; \$3.30 per bushel, up 3 cents.
- Soybeans value of production - \$16.10 billion, down 11%, \$5.10 per bushel, down \$2.24.
- All hay value of production - \$12.20 billion, up 2%; \$89.70 per ton, up \$4.20.
- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$6.98 billion, up 4%; \$97.50 per ton, up \$6.70.
- Other hay value of production - \$5.22 billion, down 1%; \$70.00 per ton, down \$0.90.
- All crops (including fruits, nuts and vegetables) value of production - \$103.83 billion, down 3 percent.